



Western PA Retreads



Oct, Nov, Dec 2023

“On The Road Again”

www.wparetreads.org

Hello Retreads!

Nov. 20, 2023

This year’s riding season has sure flown by! There has been lots of activity since the last newsletter went out. We had a great Western PA Rally that included 12 Retreads that had never attended a Western PA rally before. Several of them had such a good time, that they made their hotel reservations before leaving. Many thanks to everyone that volunteered their time to lead rides, man the registration & hospitality rooms, sell 50/50’s at the evening events, and set up and tear down. All of you are appreciated more than you can imagine. Although our numbers were down this year, everyone agreed it was a great rally and liked the new location. We are currently working to finalize the details for our 2023 rally so we can finish the reservation forms. As soon as they are ready, I’ll have them posted on our website and send them out in an email.

Next it was on to the International Rally in Grand Junction, CO. HOT, HOT, HOT! Describes the weather during most of our trip.

September brought our annual End-of-Summer Picnic (you can read about that and see some pictures elsewhere in this newsletter) and then it was off to the 1st Annual Delmarva Retread Rally in Harrington, DE.

Our bikes are now all put away for the winter. It was only 24° degrees this morning. Sunday, Larry and I are heading to Lancaster Honda to pick up a “new” Honda F6B. Unfortunately, it’ll be a bit too cold and rainy to ride it home. Larry’s talked about getting one since he first test rode one at the Lancaster Honda open house that we attended while at the Mid-Atlantic Rally in 2015. Thank you to Art Grantz for going to check the bike out for us.

Our last Western PA event for 2023 will be our Welcome Winter Get-Together on December 8th. I’m looking forward to a great turn-out!

There will be no December breakfasts in Meadville or Butler.

As 2023 quickly nears the end. I wish all of you Happy Holiday celebrations with your family and friends.

Until next time...be safe and stay well,

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Western PA Welcome Winter Get-Together

December 8th at 12:00 pm

Rachel’s Restaurant

1553 Perry Hwy, Mercer PA

We’ll be ordering off the menu.

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Kim by
December 5th so we have enough
tables set up**

BRING A FRIEND!

With Deepest Sympathy



To Darlene Phillips with the passing of her husband, Ray on August 7th. Ray & Darlene have both been faithful members of the Western PA Retreads for many years. Ray was a past Western PA Rep and most recently, was handling the sales of Retread patches, pins, hats and other items. His presence will be missed by all who knew him.

To Larry Snodgrass with the passing of his wife, Joyce

To the Family of Norm Bailey who passed away on November 1st at the age of 87. Norm was the oldest member of the Western PA Retreads still riding a motorcycle.



End Of Summer Picnic

We had 18 Retreads from Western PA and 3 from OH get together for a picnic at the Westbury Picnic Pavilion in Meadville on September 7th. The weather was threatening rain but it held off until the picnic was almost over. Only two brave souls came on their bikes, Dick & Nancy White (they did have to put their rain suits on to go home). Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and sausage grilled by Chef Daryl, to go along with all the traditional picnic side dishes. Gay & Tracy, from the OH Retreads, brought along a corn hole board for some serious competition!

Nancy Boleratz was the big winner of the day. She took home the 50/50 and a cash door prize. Charlie Clark won a box of Finney's chocolates! I hope they made it home to his wife...

I think it's safe to say that a fun time was had by all!



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Dave	Wilcox	10/23
Kim	Docter	11/4
Don	Miller	11/6
Bill	Feazell	11/7
Ken	Tejchman	11/19
Frank	Noland	11/22
Barry	Sumner	11/30
Margie	Sumner	12/7
Ron	Kranz	12/10
Don	Grossman	12/16
Sis	Yeager	12/17
Darlene	Gauthier	12/20
Walt	Lyons	12/21
Dennis	Archer	12/28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: We will publish Retread events as we receive them and enclose registration forms for Retread rallies with your newsletter, at least once. Underlined events have or have had ride/rally information included in a newsletter. If you need a copy of a rally flier contact Kim at 814-398-4918 or kadocter@gmail.com **Rally fliers are also available online at most of the sites below. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY CANCELATIONS OR CHANGES TO THE MONTHLY BREAKFASTS.**

Northern Breakfast Meeting: Hosted by Darryl & Nancy Boleratz - Meadville, PA

2nd Sat. every month - Breakfast 8-9AM - Meeting 9:00am at Perkins. Meadville, PA RT 322 East of I-79

Southern Breakfast Meeting: Hosted by Bill & Carol Fezell - Butler, PA

4th Sun. every month - Breakfast 8-9AM - Meeting 9:00am at Michael's Restaurant, 970 New Castle Rd (RT 422), Butler PA

2023 Retread Events

Dec 8 - Western PA Winter Get-together. Rachel's Roadhouse, Mercer PA 12:00pm - *More info in newsletter*

2024 Retread Events

Jan 26-28 - New England Retreads Mid-Winter Get-Away, Hyannis, MA - *Info on our website or contact Kim*
Mar 9-11 - Eastern PA Retreads Mid Winter Get-A-Way, Waynesboro, PA - *Info on our website or contact Kim*
April 5-6 - Coffeyville Retreads April Fools Rally, Coffeerville, KS - *Info on our website or contact Kim*
April 24-27 - SWLA Retread Rally, Westlake, LA - *Info on our website or contact Kim*
May 1-4 - Four Corners Rally, Chinle, AZ - *Info on our website or contact Kim*
May 16-18 - Mid-Atlantic Retreads Rally, Bird-In-Hand, PA - *Rally reservation form in this newsletter*
July 15-17 - Western PA Retreads Rally, Franklin, PA - *Rally reservation form coming soon*
Aug 19-23 - International Retreads Rally, Gulfport, MS
Sept 28 - Oct 5 - Ride to the Finger Lakes, Sponsored by Eastern PA Retreads - *More info in newsletter*

Web Sites for Rally flyers

Western PA: www.wparetreads.org

Mid-Atlantic: www.midatlanticretreads.com

Maryland: www.mdretreads.weebly.com

International Retreads: www.retreadsmc.org

Delmarva: www.delmarvaretreads.weebly.com

Eastern PA: www.eparetreads.com

New England: www.newenglandretreads.com

September 28 – October 5, 2024 Ride to Finger Lakes, NY Sponsored by the Eastern PA



Retreads. Several of us from Western PA met up with Eastern PA when they led a ride to the Finger Lakes several years ago. It was a lot of fun!

From Rick & Darlene Horst...“We will be leading a ride to the Finger Lakes Area in 2024. We have found this small, homey motel just off Keuka Lake. It is centrally located, which will allow many options for rides, hikes & attractions. The motel only has a total of 17 rooms. Currently we have 12 rooms blocked. If you plan to attend please let me know ASAP so we can add rooms to the room block if possible. The 2023 weekly rate is \$699.00 plus tax. There may

be a small increase for 2024. Look for more information in January. We are looking forward to leading this ride next year and hope you can join us. Rick & Darlene Horst 717-269-5397, dr_horst@yahoo.com

A ride taken earlier this summer by Dave Boleratz and Norm Bailey is a perfect tribute to Norm Bailey upon his recent passing.

“I was out riding in early June with fellow retreat member, Norm Bailey. As we approached this old home along the road in Eldred, Pa. We pulled off the road, and Norm proceeded to tell me the story of this place.... looked kind of run down and had brush growing up around it. Possibly used as a camp. This



is the house that he was born in, way back in 1936. Norm spoke of the railroad track that ran behind the house when he was young. If they had mail to send out, they would clip it on this large “hoop” and hold this up close to the train as it passed by slowly. The person in the train car would reach out and run his arm through the hoop and retrieve the out going mail. After unclipping mail from hoop, they would throw the hoop back along tracks, which then would be retrieved for next time. I believe Norm told me that the tracks were removed in 1949, and some time later this hoop was presented to Norm for memory sake. Very interesting story. To the best of my memory, this



story is accurate. Submitted by David Boleratz

Submitted by ride leader, David Boleratz



A group of 17 signed up for a Wednesday morning ride during our Western PA rally in Franklin, this year. We left the hotel around 9:15 and headed for Grove City. There were 12 bikes and one car in this group. Our first stop for the day was at Wendell August Forge in Grove City, Pa. We were given a very nice tour through the forge, being able to practice making a little souvenir piece for ourselves. Also, spent a great deal of time in their showroom/ gift shop. As I heard, the women loved this part. After everyone was done shopping, we departed for Rachel's restaurant in Mercer, Pa. Fantastic place to eat. Was great service, delicious food and reasonable prices. This place is located on Route 19 in Mercer. After we all had our

bellies full, we continued North on Route 19 till we came to 62 north. Traveled on this road for a few miles till we reached Maple Lane Farm. This is owned by Mr. Bill Doyle. This gentleman has a good lineup of antique tractors, in his yard. Made for great viewing. Also, he had several old cars and trucks that were inside of his building. I believe all enjoyed viewing these.



Bill has facilities there that he rents out for weddings, birthday parties, etc. After we spent considerable time at this place, we continued on Route 62 north back to our rally headquarters in Franklin. Then it was time to get ready for our banquet.



It was a great ride. Everyone was safe and enjoyed the trip.

Our group at maple lane farm. Behind a 1948 Mack pickup

Cruising Though Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia

by Dick & Nancy White

GODAN DAGINN

That's GOOD DAY in Icelandic

On August 16th at 11:15pm we flew out of Toronto to Keflavik, Iceland the only international airport in Iceland. We arrived there at 8:15am on Thursday that's 4 time zones East. Keflavik is about 50 miles from Reykjavik the capitol and port where our Celebrity Cruise Ship, The Summit was docked.

There were 4 of us Nancy and I and my sister RuthAnn and her husband Lee. We met up with 5 others in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland Thursday night and had a good rest and good food. On Friday we went to Reykjavik and toured around town a little then boarded our cruise ship Summit. The weather was cool in the daytime around 50 degrees and damp and windy not much sunshine.

We set sail at 5:00pm for our 12 day cruise to Boston. The ship had 2 more stops in Iceland. The first stop was on the West Shore at Isafjordur, Iceland we arrived there early Saturday. Nancy and I had a tour set up. It was to Thingeyri to learn about the Vikings we learned some pretty neat stuff. We had a guided 45 minute bus ride to get there saw lots of sheep there's thousands of them they run loose all summer then are rounded up in the fall. Not a tree to be seen anywhere just shrub bushes about knee high. Lots of mountains with snow covered peaks.

Our next stop was Akureyri, Iceland it is on the North Shore we had to go to the Artic Circle to get there then into a long fjord we got there early Sunday. All of us took a tour to Lake Myvatn there were lots of bugs there and they provided bug nets to cover your heads. There was a park there that was a Lava field, but it wasn't molten lava

it was huge chunks of lava that was cooled and blown out of the volcano very interesting.

Our next stop was Greenland but we had a medical emergency on the ship and had to circle back towards Iceland and meet a helicopter in the North Atlantic they found us and a lady was airlifted to a hospital in Iceland. Then we headed West to Greenland we had a full day of cruising to get there. On Tuesday we arrived at Prins Christian Sund on the East coast of Greenland.

Upon entering the Sund we had ice chunks floating all around us maybe bushel basket size. Both sides of the Sund were covered with Glaciers. We also saw some bigger icebergs which we steered clear of. The main attraction was a large Glacier which we sailed right too. Up close and personal. What we could see of the Glacier was a mile wide and half a mile high and there was 600 feet of water under the ship. The captain said if we wanted to go out in the bow you could. There was a group that went outside. It was cold and windy we watched from the sky lounge. The captain turned the ship 540 degrees so everyone could get a good view of the glacier.

The next day we anchored at Nanortalik, Greenland on the Southern Coast it was raining and cold in the mid 40's the only way to get to the town was by ship or float plane no roads in or out. The town was not set up for visiting ships, no public restrooms, no restaurants and nothing to do but walk around in the mud. We stayed on board in the warm and dry. Greenland is the largest island in the world and the most uninhabitable. 836,330 sq. miles in size that is more than 3 times larger than Texas and the population of 56,600.

The next 2 days we were at sea cruising towards Newfoundland.

On Saturday morning we arrived at St. Johns, Newfoundland this is one of the prettiest spots we visited. Upon arriving we were greeted with bright sunshine and warm weather we had our morning breakfast on the deck outside. Then walked along the waterfront. Nancy and I took a bus tour of St. Johns and the surrounding countryside. We went to Signal Hill which overlooks the town. Then went to the little village of Quidi Vidi. We also went to Fort Cape Spear which was a Naval Base during the 2nd World War. It is also the Most Easterly Point of North America. We had a very enjoyable day there.

On Sunday we were at sea cruising towards Nova Scotia the North Atlantic was pretty choppy with big waves.

On Monday morning we arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia the weather was nice and we were able to enjoy our breakfast on the deck again. We took a Hop On Hop Off Bus so we could see lots of the area. We visited the Fairview Lawn Cemetery where 121 passengers of the Titanic are buried. Then visited a British fort which overlooks a island in the harbor known as Citadel Island with a star shaped fort guarding the bay and a lighthouse.

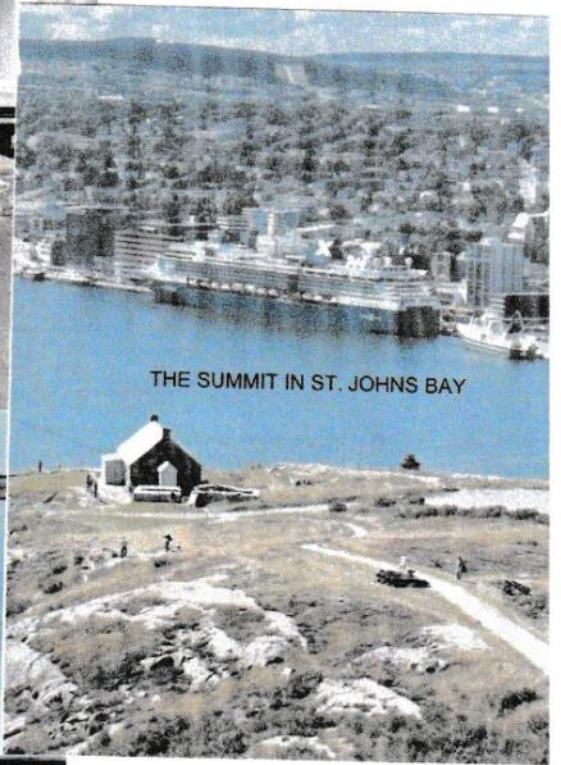
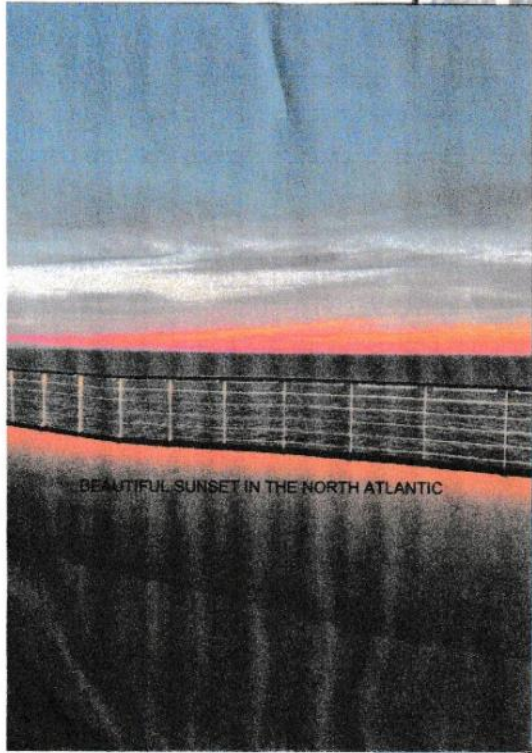
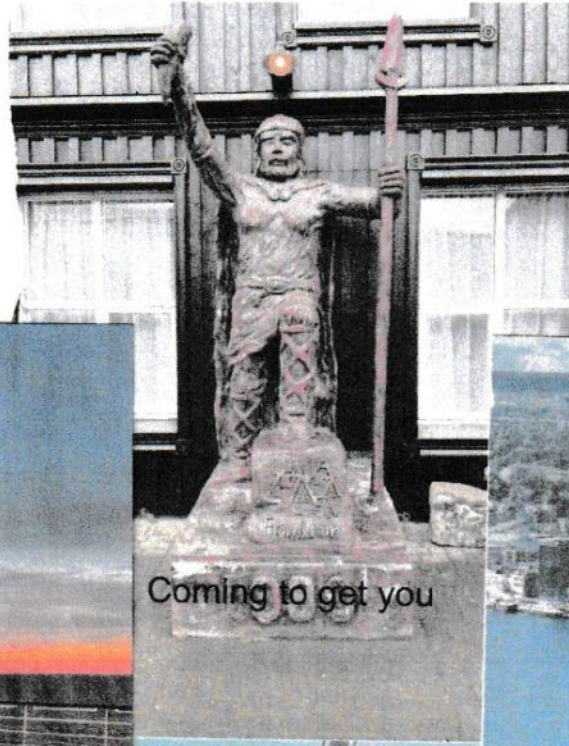
On Tuesday we were at sea heading for Boston, Massachusetts we had lots of fog for most of the day and the ships horn would blow about every 2 minutes for most of the day and into the night.

On Wednesday morning we arrived in Boston and ended our cruise. We sailed 3131 nautical miles equals 3603.09 miles.

We were glad to be back in the USA and solid ground under our feet. Our next adventure would be to get to Toronto where my truck was parked but that's another story..

Making

Memories



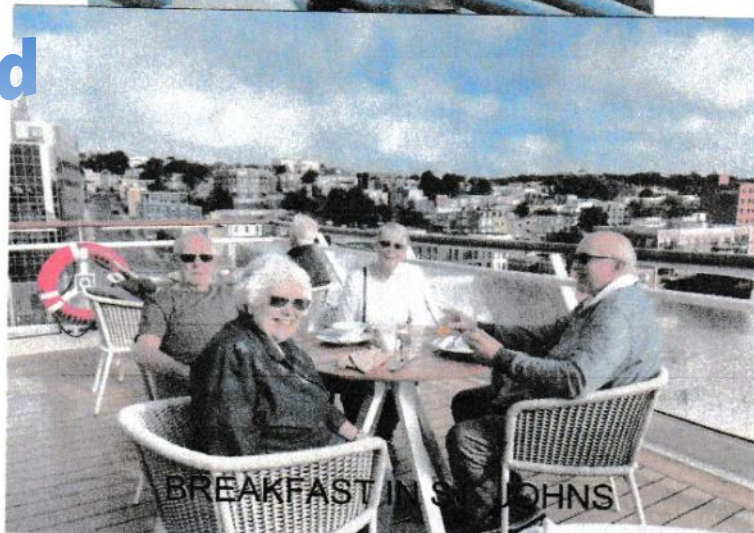
Iceland

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A Brief Recap of our Summer Travels since the Western PA Retread Rally by Kim & Larry

July 27th - I finally had all the real estate tax bills ready to go in the mail and we were able to leave for the International Retread Rally in Grand Junction, CO. HOT, HOT, HOT! Describes the weather during most of our trip. The first three days had intermittent rain, but then the skies cleared. That's the last rain we would ride in before arriving back home on August 20th. The scenery was spectacular! It was wonderful to see old friends and make some new ones. The Colorado Retreads went all out to put together a great rally! There were several guided rides each day (our favorite was the ride to the Grand Mesa), delicious food, and an endless supply of door prizes. We were sad to have it end but excited to continue on to the



West Coast. The International Rally was just the first stop on our 25-day trip, through 16 states, to get to Olympia, WA so we could meet our granddaughter who was born in June. Since I'm not retired yet, I had four weeks of work to catch up on when we returned, but so worth it! This was our first trip to the Rocky Mountains and the West Coast on the motorcycles. It definitely won't be the last.

September brought our annual End-of-Summer Picnic (you can read about that and see some pictures elsewhere in this newsletter) and then it was off to the 1st Annual Delmarva Retread Rally in Harrington, DE. The '94 Wing was back on the road for this trip.

On the way, we stopped and joined the Eastern PA Retreads for their summer picnic.

They had a delicious BBQ meal with Woopie Pies for dessert. Games and door prizes rounded out the afternoon. Next stop was in NJ to visit family for dinner. Our plan was to ride a couple more hours after dinner, but a torrential downpour halted that plan 20 minutes after starting out. The rain had stopped by morning and we headed to Wildwood, NJ. to spend the night so we could watch the sun rise over the Atlantic Ocean before making our way to Cape May where we had reservations aboard The Cape May – Lewes Ferry which would take us across the Delaware Bay to DE. and then about a 25 mile ride to Harrington.

Being the 1st Annual Delmarva Rally, we arrived with no prior expectations. The Delmarva Retreads hit a home-run with this rally! They'll have a hard act to follow next year. 99 Retreads were registered to enjoy the fun. There were multiple rides offered each day, great entertainment, excellent food, and an ice cream truck & lawn games including a corn-hole tournament. The final round of the corn-hole tournament came down to Larry & I vs Linda Robinson & Cheryl Doucette. It was back and forth until we were finally able to pull ahead for the win! Rides took us to Pocomoke State Park, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge & Old New Castle, DE. It was hard to choose which rides to pick. My '94 Wing took home the award for the Oldest Bike Ridden To The Rally! We're looking forward to year.



We had heard about the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tunnel but never been over it. It wasn't difficult to decide to include one more 1st time adventure on our travels home from the Delmarva rally. If you've not crossed it, I'd encourage you to do so at least once! After crossing through Virginia and up into West Virginia, we knew our summer travels were quickly coming to an end. This trip encompassed 10 days, 6 states (NJ & DE were the 1st time on the bikes), and 2000 miles. The only 3 days that we didn't have rain was during the Delmarva rally.

Lot's of great memories on the bikes this summer. We totaled about 13,600 miles, through 26 states, over the course of about 8 weeks from the middle of May though the end of September. We're already planning for next year's adventures which I'm sure will include a return trip to Olympia, WA!



2024 Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally

May 16th-18th 2024, - early registration Wednesday May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Host Hotel – Bird-In-Hand Family Inn & Restaurant, Rt. 340, Bird In Hand, PA

800-537-2535 www.bird-in-hand.com

MENTION "RETREADS MOTORCYCLE CLUB" SPECIAL ROOM RATES WILL BE HELD UNTIL **APRIL 1**

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Harvest Drive Family Inn 3368 Harvest Drive, Gordonville PA 717-768-7186
Spruce Lane Lodge & Cottages 2439 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster PA 866-925-8676
Country Acres Campground 20 Leven Rd Gordonville PA 866-675-4745
More hotels and campgrounds listed on our website.

Hosted by Mid Atlantic Retreads <http://www.midatlanticretreads.com/> for more details

Rally Package Includes

Wednesday evening Ice Cream Social
Door Prizes - Trophies
Hospitality Room with coffee, cookies, pretzels and ice cream
Thursday evening entertainment
Guided & Self Guided tours Thur – Sat
Retreads Breakfast Buffet, Fri or Sat
Friday Evening Banquet & awards
Saturday Evening BBQ
Rally Pins to first 150 signed in at rally

Additional Activities

Thursday evening guided ride to Shady Maple
Smorgasbord
Mini Golf Tournament with trophies
Charity Poker Run with trophies
Outlet Malls Nearby
Host Hotel permits all attendees to use pool and hot tub, even if staying somewhere else.

Valid membership card required for some trophies



Hanes 100% cotton shirts.
V neck for ladies, pocket for men.

Shirts must be ordered by April 8

Colors may vary due to shortages

Checks payable to Mid Atlantic Retreads. – dianeg@affordablecomfortinc.net
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NAME(S) _____ Retread Card No(s) _____

ADDRESS _____ AMA Card No(s) _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

RETREAD POSITION – **CIRCLE WHICH APPLIES** - PAST OR CURRENT – **CIRCLE WHICH APPLIES** - BOARD, DIRECTOR, STATE REP, ASSISTANT STATE REP. – WHICH STATE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING ___ X \$88 Before April 14, \$98 after April 14 = _____
Without Banquet number attending ___ X \$78 Before April 14, \$88 after April 14 = _____

SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD, NUMBER ATTENDING _____ x \$24 = _____

Mens pocket T Shirts S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ 3XL___ \$25 each = _____

Ladies V neck Shirts S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ 3XL___ \$20 each = _____

Shirts must be ordered by April 8. Total amount enclosed (in U.S. funds please) = _____



Western PA Retreads 2024 Application/Renewal Form

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc.

AMA Charter 3233

Visit us at: www.wparetreads.org

Date _____

(Please type or print)

Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

Renewal ____ New Member ____ Sponsored By(if applicable) _____

Important: Must be signed by Applicant and Co-applicant, if any, before cards are issued.

By voluntarily applying for membership, I understand that the Retreads cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. I understand the sport of motorcycle riding has an inherent safety hazard. I also understand that my participation in any Retread activity is strictly voluntary and further, I release and hold harmless the Retreads from any loss to my person or property.

Applicant sign: _____

Co-applicant sign: _____

Do you approve of your contact information being shared with other Retreads? Yes _____ No _____

May your name and/or photo appear on the Western PA Retread website? Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Applicant's Birthday ____/____/____ Co-Applicant's Birthday ____/____/____

AMA number(s) if members _____ Co-Applicant _____

Year/Make of Motorcycle(s) _____

How do you prefer to receive your newsletter? ____ Email or ____ US mail

Annual donation \$20/single or \$25/couple Amount enclosed _____

Please make check payable to: Western PA Retreads and return application to:

Jan Archer - 25461 State Street, Saegertown, PA 16433

The following to be completed by Western PA Rep. only

Retread Membership Card Number: Applicant _____ Co-applicant: _____
Date: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

REMINDER

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

ARE NOW DUE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED FORM

When completing the form, please print legibly and make checks payable to:
Western PA Retreads.

If you are planning to attend the Welcome Winter Get-Together on
December 8th, consider inviting a friend who may enjoy getting to
know us.



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